

# LAUREL CAVERNS CAMPGROUND AWARENESS FORM

## I (WE) are aware...

1. Camping is restricted to Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Youth Groups.
2. *Safe Scouting* rules apply here and are expected to be enforced by scout leaders.
3. Neither alcoholic beverages, nor fireworks, nor the discharge of guns are permitted.
4. Restrooms are to be treated in accordance with scout rules pertaining to respect of property and respect of persons.
5. Special needs and problems should be reported as soon as possible.
6. Scouts are not to leave the immediate campground area once the road gate is closed. No after hours property exploring! There is a small lake within 2,000 feet of the campground whose bottom is covered by broken-glass from the shooting of bottles in the 1940's and 50's and an unattended child could easily drown. The Park itself has cliffs, gas wells, construction projects, accessible roof tops and other things that could endanger an unattended child.
7. Troops whose members engage in the following activities will be asked to leave and pay restitution where applicable:
  - A. vandalism on the property
  - B. trashing of the restrooms, visitors' center abuses, shoplifting, etc.
  - C. no swimming in the pond set aside as a water supply for forest fires
  - D. entering fenced in areas, exploring storage buildings, climbing on roofs, etc.
  - E. attempting to enter the cave under unauthorized conditions
  - F. engaging in unauthorized ropes activities or other dangerous pursuits
8. Wildlife is to be respected and regarded as dangerous. This is a remote area and in these mountains are found poisonous snakes, poisonous plants and everything else that nature has made poisonous. The state has stocked black bears and coyotes. There are also raccoons in these mountains.
9. Scout leaders are responsible to see that scouts respect the flora and fauna of Appalachia. No standing trees are to be cut. Only down-wood can be gathered as needed. Firewood is not to be brought in from other states.
10. Quiet time is from 10:00 PM until 6:30 AM.
11. The property is posted as a safety zone but over the years some hunters, armed and dangerous, have violated our safety zone.
12. At no time are scouts to roam the property under unsupervised circumstances. Laurel Caverns does not have a staff large enough to track the comings and goings of every child on the property.

Being aware of these issues I (we) hold Laurel Caverns Conservancy, Laurel Conservancy, and all owners, managers and employees associated with Laurel Caverns harmless for any injury affecting those related to the names on the signatures below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_